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increase his allotment under "Discretionary Grants by Collectors" in order that he might be able to give help to destitute persons for rebuilding their houses.

(c) No such loans were sanctioned by the Government. Collectors are competent to grant loans under the "Land Improvements Loans Act, and the Agriculturists Loans Act."

(d) Remission is granted by Collectors in accordance with the rules on the subject. The Government have no information as to the amount of assessment remitted by the Collectors of the districts affected by the floods.

The attention of the hon. Member is in this connexion invited to G.O. No. 9, Revenue, dated 3rd January 1929 (which has been published) in which orders have been passed by the Government for the grant of remission in respect of lands in the Vizagapatam and East Godavari districts which have been covered with sand or otherwise rendered unfit for cultivation by the floods.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I know what amount has been sanctioned by the Collector or by the Government for the relief of distress in South Kanara?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"The figures given in the answer to clause (b) includes the amount of relief afforded by the Government."

Irrigation

Re-examination of the gauge discharge results in regard to Duvvaleru.

*214 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : With reference to the answer to question No. 539 answered on 12th October 1928 will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the re-examination of gauge discharge results in regard to Duvvaleru is complete;

(b) whether the Superintending Engineer has examined the figures and submitted the preliminary report; and

(c) if so, what the report is?

A.—(a) The examination of the discharge results has been completed in the Chief Engineer's office.

(b) & (c) The Chief Engineer expects to receive the Superintending Engineer's report by the end of August 1929.

Extension of the benefit of the Mettur Irrigation work to the Salem, Coimbatore and Trichinopoly districts.

*215 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what progress has been made

(a) in regard to the investigation of the proposals to extend the benefit of the Mettur Irrigation work to the Salem, Coimbatore and Trichinopoly districts and what action is being taken thereon; and

(b) in the irrigation work up to the end of June 1920?

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A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement showing the action taken on Resolution No. 802 carried at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 29th November 1928 separately placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) The progress report for the quarter ending 30th June 1929 is awaited from the Engineer-in-Chief.

Public Service

Powers of Assistant Secretaries in the Secretariat regarding appointment and punishment of subordinates.

* 216 *Q.*—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answers given to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of question 322 at the meeting of the Council held on 5th August 1921—

(*a*) why the powers of appointments, promotions and punishments of clerks and Superintendents in the Secretariat have been reserved to the Under Secretaries in all departments except Finance;

(*b*) whether the Government have ever considered the question of divesting the Assistant Secretary in any Secretariat, when recruited from the ranks of clerks or Superintendents, of the powers of appointment and promotion of clerks and Superintendents, if any, such powers are exercised by him with or without authority, express or implied; and

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that as a rule the Assistant Secretaries in the several departments of the Secretariat are recruited by promotion from the grade of Superintendents and whether there was any exception made in the recruitment of Assistant Secretaries in any of the departments from 1921 to 1928, and if so, when, for what reason and in which departments?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The information is being collected.

Settlement

Progress of resurvey and resettlement in South Kanara.

* 217 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) to what extent resurvey has been made in the district of South Kanara and to what further extent it is intended to be made in that district;

(*b*) to what extent, with what establishment and at what cost per mensem the resettlement of the district of South Kanara has been in operation;

(*c*) up to what amount on the average Government have decided to increase the land assessment in the same district; and

(*d*) whether Government propose to place before the Council the reports of the settlement operations in that district from time to time?

A.—(*a*) The resurvey of the coast villages of the old Kasaragod taluk (i.e., 97 villages in the present Kasaragod taluk, 25 villages in the present Mangalore taluk and 31 villages in the present Puttur taluk) has been completed. The resurvey of the Kumari villages is now in progress. No resurvey will be made in the rest of the district.